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The introductory was delivered by Elder J. C. Hicks, text 4th verse of the 4th chapter of St. John: "And He must needs go through Samaria."

After one hour the messengers met in the house, the Moderator present. Singing and prayer by Elder John M. Butram. The Association being thus organized, proceeded to business.

1. Received and read the letters from the several churches of this body, and enrolled names of delegates, and stated condition of the churches.

2. Elected Elder Marion Brown, Moderator, and Elder William Kidd, Clerk, by acclamation.

3. Invited visiting and corresponding ministers and brethren to seats.

4. On motion adopted the following Order of Business for this day:

5. Called for petitionary churches. None presented.

6. Appointed the usual committees:

On Preaching—D. J. Braden, T. H. Morrow, with the delegates of Cool Spring church.

To Examine Corresponding Minutes—Elder J. C. Chandler, brethren J. W. Monk and W. R. Edwards.

On Business to Come Before the Body—Elder J. C. Hicks, brethren H. D. Landers and W. H. Taylor.

On Contributions—Brethren W. P. Robertson and J. R. Russell.

To Write a Corresponding Letter—J. L. Thompson.

7. Called for correspondence from sister Associations, and received from the Beulah letter and minutes by her messengers Elders J. W. Parish, T. J. Parish, and brethren W. F. Yates, M. A. Key, T. J. East, T. P. Horton, B. F. Walker, J. M. Nix.

From the New Hope, letter and minutes by her messengers Elders John M. Butram, W. P. Merrell, and Brother J. W. Dryden.

From the Fellowship, minutes and letter by Elder Willis L. Jordan.

From the Euharlee, letter and minutes by Brother H. S. Jones.

From the Yellow River Association, Elder John F. Almond.

8. Adjourned until 8 o'clock a. m. Monday.

Prayer by Elder W. P. Merrell.

Monday, September 25th.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. L. Jordan.

9. Renewed the invitation to visiting corresponding ministers and brethren to seats.

10. Called the roll and read the decorum.

11. Heard and adopted the following Order of Business for today:

12. Renewed the call for correspondence.

13. Returned Correspondence to sister Associations:

To the Beulah to convene with Wehadka Church at Rock Mills, Alabama, on Friday before the Third Sunday in September, 1900: Elders M. Brown, J. C. Chandler, J. M. Lipham, M. D. L. Monk, B. A. Wade, F. M. Spears, T. H. Morrow.

To the New Hope, to convene at Bethlehem, near Bowden, Ga., on Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1899: Elders J. C. Hicks, J. C. Chandler, and brethren B. A. Wade, F. M. Spears, W. R. Warren, D. M. Haynes.

To Euharlee, to convene with Silver Creek Church, Floyd County, Ga., on Saturday before the Third Sunday in September, 1900: G. F. Reed, W. P. Robertson, W. R. Edwards.

To the Fellowship, to convene with Little Branch, near Albertville, Alabama, on Friday before the Third Sunday in October, 1899: Elders J. C. Hicks, Marion Brown, and brother W. R. Edmonds.

14. Read and adopted a Corresponding Letter.

15. The committee on Contributions report fourteen dollars and ninety cents for minutes.

16. Appointed district meetings, first district having choice of time, at Valley Grove first Sunday in August. Second district at Choccolocco church the 4th Sunday in August, all to commence on Friday before.

17. Appointed next session of this body at Beulah church, four miles northeast of Lincoln, and four miles northwest of McFall, in Talladega County, Alabama, on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1900.

18. The committee appointed to examine Corresponding Minutes make the following report:

We your committee examining the Corresponding Minutes find that our sister Beulah Association claims a difference between this the Cane Creek and the Hilabee. Be it known to the Beulah Association that there is no difference between us and the Hilabee (that is, there is no matter of dealings between the two Associations)

Association, as we have no correspondence with that body. The report was adopted.

19. Directed the Clerk to have 400 copies of this minute printed and distributed in the usual way, and retain balance of funds for his services.

20. Called for miscellaneous business.

21. Read and approved these minutes, and after a brief exortation by the Moderator, singing and taking the parting hand, prayer was offered by Elder John F. Almond, and the Association adjourned to the time and place above mentioned.

ELDER WILLIAM KIDD, Clerk. ELDER M. BROWN, Moderator.

Corresponding Letter.

The Cane Creek Baptist Association of the Primitive Faith and Order, now in session with the Church at Cool Spring, Randolph County, Alabama, September 23, 24 and 25, 1899, to her sister Associations with whom she corresponds:

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD—Through the goodness of our merciful God we have been permitted to hold another annual meeting of our body, the business of which has been transacted in peace and harmony. Dear brethren our correspondence has not been as full as we desire, but we have been refreshed by the coming and preaching of your corresponding messengers, for which we feel thankful to Almighty God. We desire a continuation of your correspondence, in token of which we have appointed our brethren, whose names you will find in these minutes, to bear this, our epistle of love to you. The next session of this body will be held, if the Lord will, with Beulah Church, four miles northwest of McFall, and four miles northeast of Lincoln, Talladega County, Alabama, on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1900. Until then, farewell. Pray for and visit us.

ELDER WILLIAM KIDD, Clerk. ELDER M. BROWN, Moderator.

Names and Addresses of Ordained Ministers.

Marion Brown, Anniston, Alabama.
J. C. Chandler, Anniston, Alabama.
William Kidd, Anniston, Alabama.
J. C. Hicks, Fruithurst, Alabama.

Licentiates.

G. F. Reed, Minx, Alabama.
J. W. Monk, Anniston, Alabama.
W. P. Roberson, Weavers, Alabama.

Order of Preaching Services.

Introductory—Elder J. C. Hicks.

Saturday Afternoon—Elder Willis L. Jordan, followed by Brother M. A. Key.

Sunday Forenoon—Elder John F. Almond, followed by Elder John M. Butram.

Sunday Afternoon—Elder W. P. Merrell, followed by Brother H. S. Jones.

Monday 10 o'clock a. m.—Elder W. J. Parrish, followed by Elder Willis L. Jordan.

Closing remarks and benediction by the Moderator.

Form of Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall meet annually, if the churches think proper, as an advisory council, and be composed of members of the different churches, and each church shall have three members, and no more. The messengers' names shall be inserted in the letters from the churches which they represent.

ART. 2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Cane Creek Baptist Association, of the Primitive Faith and Order.

ART. 3. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present —shall be of the body, and shall hold their offices until the next election.

ART. 4. The different churches will express in their letters the number in fellowship, baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and dead, since the last session.

ART. 5. No act of this Association shall be binding on the churches; but it shall be its duty to give its best advice in matters of difficulty, and endeavor to preserve the union of the churches.

ART. 6. This Association shall receive any church that may petition by letter and delegates, if found orthodox in faith, and moral in practice. Also, if any church that is in order wishes to withdraw, she may, on application, obtain a letter of dismission.

ART. 7. This Association will not fellowship any church or churches, nor hold them in union, who are engaged in supporting any Missionary, Bible, Tract or Sunday School union society; advocate State convention, or Theological schools; or any other society which has been or hereafter may be formed under a pretense of circulating the Gospel of Christ; nor any secret organization; nor will she correspond with any Association that is engaged in supporting any of the above named institutions, they being without a "Thus saith the Lord" for them as to church.

ART. 8. If any church in this union shall become offended with a sister church, in point of faith or practice, it shall be the duty of said church to have an interview with the church thus offending, and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, she shall call in the aid of one or two other churches, who shall investigate the matter, and decide according to their best judgment, and report to the next Association, which will be final, and entered upon the record as such; and if said church shall be found guilty as charged, the Association will withdraw from such church.

ART. 9. This Association may correspond with every other Association of the same faith and order, and such only; and may withdraw her correspondent at discretion.

ART. 10. Amendments to this constitution may be made by two-thirds of the members in session.

ART. 11. This Association shall have power to adjourn to any time and place she may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Abstract of Principles.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true living God; and that there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

ART. 2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3. We believe God elected or chose his people in Christ, before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy and without blame before him in love.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

ART. 5. We believe we are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

ART. 6. We believe that God's elect shall be called, effectually regenerate, and santified by the Holy Ghost, and shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

ART. 7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the Saints' feet, are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of these ordinances, and the true mode of Baptism is immersion.

ART. 8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, and that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and that the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

ART. 9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbyter, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

ART. 10. We believe that God has ordained good works, that His children should walk in them; and good works only, such as God hath commanded in His word, and not such as, without the warrant thereof, are devised by men out of blind zeal, or upon any pretense of good intention.

ART. 11. We, therefore, believe that washing of the Saints' feet was ordained by Christ, to be done by His children in a church capacity, until His second coming.

Decorum.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer, and when opened, the Moderator shall invite ministering brethren of our faith and order to seats with us.

ART. 2. If new churches desire to be admitted into this Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates; and on examination of orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 3. Every querry sent to the Association by any church in the union, shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated or not. If there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn: Provided always, those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

ART. 4. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

ART. 5. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject.

ART. 6. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, without leave from the Asso ciation.

ART. 7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same; nor whispering in time of public speech; nor cast reflections upon the speaker.

ART. 8. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without leave from it.

ART. 9. The names of the several delegates composing this body shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as the body may require.

ART. 10. The Moderator shall be allowed the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled; but he shall have no vote except the Association be equally divided.

ART. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the Association.

ART. 12. Amendments to the Decorum may be made at any time, when two-thirds of the members in session shall deem it expedient.

ART. 13. The minutes of each Association shall be read and approved before the Association adjourns.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICT.	CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	No. Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Rec'd on Confess'n of Faith	Dismissed by Letter.	Excommun'd.	Dead.	Number in Fellowship.	Contributions	Meeting Days. Sabbaths.
First	Cedron	Randolph.	Not represented										
"	Coolspring	"	B. A. Wade, J. F. Mathews								8	50	Third
"	Hopewell.	"	Not represented								9	50	Third
"	Valley Grove.	"	H. D. Landers, D. J. Braden, J. M. Lipham					1	1		30	2 00	First
"	Mt. Carmel	"	T. H. Morrow, F. M. Spears.	2				2	1		21	1 00	Fourth
"	Macedonia.	Cleburne	Not represented										
Second	Cane Creek	"	Elders J. C. Hicks, M. Brown, J. R. Warren	1	2						38	3 00	First
"	Bethlehem	"	W. R. Edmonds, James Meders			1	1			1	20	1 00	Third
"	Mt. Mariah	Calhoun	J. L. Thompson, M. D. L. Monk		1	1		4		1	8	1 00	Second
"	Pilgrim's Rest	"	G. F. Reed		1						25	1 25	First
"	Choccoloco	"	Elders J. C. Chandler, W. Kidd, J. W. Monk		3						37	2 00	Fourth
"	Mt. Carmell	St. Clair	W. P. Robertson	2				1			13	50	Third
"	Beulah	Talladega	W. H. Taylor, J. R. Russell	3	3					1	25	2 15	Second